**Connecting District headquarters with STD**

3707. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to connect the remaining 200 district headquarters out of the 436 district headquarters, with STD national hook up; and

(b) if so what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Government has a proposal to provide STD facility to the remaining 177 district headquarters also out of the total 447 district headquarters.

(b) For providing STD facility to the remaining district headquarters it has been planned to automatise the local exchanges of the district headquarters wherever necessary, commission transmission media as required, commission new Trunk Automatic Exchanges and expand the existing ones.

**Out-of-Turn Telephone Connections Sanctioned by Ministers**

3708. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of 'out-of-turn' telephone connections sanctioned by him and the Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications since their assumption of office; and

(b) whether Government propose to restrict the out-of-turn sanctioning of telephone connections by the Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The total number of out-of-turn telephone connections sanctioned by the Minister of Communications and the Minister of State for Communications since their assumption of office are as under:

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| 1. Minister of Communication | 824 |
| 2. Minister of State, Communication | 112 |
| TOTAL | 930 |

(b) Such sanctions are being given only on merits and therefore, any restriction will not be appropriate.

**उत्तर प्रदेश के मंत्रियों के टेलीफोन बिलों की बकाया-राशि**

3709. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के मंत्रियों के लखनऊ में कार्यालय और निवास स्थानों के टेलीफोन बिलों का भुगतान नहीं किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कुल कितनी राशि बकाया है और इस राशि को वसूल करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

**संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) :** (क) हालांकि कुछ बिल बकाया हैं लेकिन उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा टेलीफोन बिलों का भुगतान किया जा रहा है ।

(ख) 31 जुलाई, 1988 की स्थिति के अनुसार बकाया बिलों की कुल राशि 41.46 लाख रुपये है । उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार सचिवालय को स्मरण कराने के लिये नोटिस भेजे गए हैं और बकाया राशि वसूल करने के लिये बराबर संपर्क रखा जा रहा है ।